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37 CFR §§1.56 AND 1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application.


Applicant is involved in litigation with Starpay.com LLC et al.. Starpay has alleged that Applicant infringes U.S. Patent No. 5,903,878 by virtue of Applicant's "Verified by Visa" service. As part of that litigation, Applicant has produced the attached document "Defendant's Preliminary Invalidity Contentions" that provides prior art showing that U.S. Patent No. 5,903,878 is invalid. Because the instant patent application covers an aspect of the Verified by Visa service, Applicant is providing the attached document as part of its duty of disclosure.

Applicant also has in its possession a CD-ROM including 2,000 plus pages of prior art that was turned up in the search to invalidate U.S. Patent No. 5,903,878, and that was used as a basis for the attached "Invalidity Contentions". Applicant believes that the art cited in the attached "Invalidity Contentions" will be the most relevant prior art for the purposes of the Examiner and is more reasonable in length. Nevertheless, should the Examiner so desire, Applicant will provide any document contained in the CD-ROM or the complete disc.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that these references indeed constitute prior art.

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U.S. Patent Documents

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Other Documents

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	1.	United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas; Civil Action No.: CIV 3-03CV0976-L; "Defendants' Preliminary Invalidation Contentions"; Starpay.com, L.L.C., Plaintiffs vs. Visa International Service Associate and Visa U.S.A. Inc., Defendants; May 28, 2004.
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Examiner: Initial citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.